

IN THE SPECIFICATION

[0001] The present application is a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number ("USPASN") 10/282,356 (filed October 29, 2002) entitled "Instrumentation and Methods for use in Implanting an Artificial Intervertebral Disc" ("the '356 application") and a ~~continuing~~continuation application of USPASN 10/309,585 (filed December 4, 2002) entitled "Static Trials and Related Instruments and Methods for use in Implanting an Artificial Intervertebral Disc" ("the '585 application") and a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part application of USPASN 10/425,267 (filed April 29, 2003) entitled "Wedge Plate Inserter/Impactor and Related Methods for use in Implanting an Artificial Intervertebral Disc" ("the '267 application"). The '356 application is a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part application of USPASN 10/256,160 (filed September 26, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having Limited Rotation Using a Captured Ball and Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post" ("the '160 application"), which is a parent application of USPASN 10/642,528 (filed August 15, 2003) entitled "Axially Compressible Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having Limited Rotation Using a Captured Ball and Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post" ("the '528 application") and a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part application of USPASN 10/175,417 (filed June 19, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Utilizing a Ball Joint Coupling", which is a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part application of USPASN 10/151,280 (filed May 20, 2002) entitled "Tension Bearing Artificial Disc Providing a Centroid of Motion Centrally Located Within an Intervertebral Space", which is a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part

application of both USPASN 09/970,479 (filed October 4, 2001) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Spirally Slotted Belleville Washer Having Radially Extending Grooves" as well as USPASN 10/140,153 (filed May 7, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Flexible Wire Mesh Vertebral Body Contact Element", the former being a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part application of USPASN 09/968,046 (filed October 1, 2001) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Belleville Washer Having Radially Extending Grooves" and the latter being a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part application of both USPASN 09/970,479 (detailed above) as well as USPASN 10/128,619 (filed April 23, 2002) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Having a Flexible Wire Mesh Vertebral Body Contact Element", which is a ~~continuing~~continuation-in-part application of both USPASN 09/906,119 (filed July 16, 2001) and entitled "Trial Intervertebral Distraction Spacers" as well as USPASN 09/982,148 (filed October 18, 2001) and entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Having Arch Shaped Spring Elements". All of the above mentioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their respective entireties.